'64 Death of Man Quizzed in JFK Case

Left Dallas Because of Hounding, Claim

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—The county solicitor Wednesday began investigating the death of a man who, his brother said, left Dallas following President Kennedy's assassination because he was being constantly questioned by "agents."

The man, Thomas Henry Killam, moved to Pensacola, then Tampa, then back to Pensacola to escape these "agents," the brother said. His wife worked as a stripper for Jack Ruby, the brother said.

Two days before he was found dead amid the shattered glass of a department store window, March 17, 1964, Killam said, according to his brother:

"I'm a dead man. I've run as far as I'm going to run."

The brother, Earl Killam, asked the solicitor to exhume his brother's body to determine more about the death, which the police listed as an apparent suicide.

DEPARTURE TOLD

"Did you ever hear of a man committing suicide by jumping through a plate glass window?" the brother asked.

Killam's wife was a longtime employe of Ruby in Dallas, the brother said. Killam also worked as a house painter with a man named Jack Carter, who had roomed in a Dallas boarding house once with Lee Harvey Oswald, the brother said.

At 4 a. m. on the morning of March 17, the Pensacola News-Journal said, Killam received a phone call at his mother's home. The newspaper quoted the mother as saying that Killam dressed and left the house. She heard a car drive off, the mother said, although Killam did not own a car.

About a half hour later, two street sweepers heard a crash on a downtown street. "They thought it was a trash truck picking up beer and whiskey bottles," said the police report, signed by officer S. N. Reeves.

ONLY ONE CUT ON BODY

They turned their truck around and saw a man staggering in front of a broken display window, the report said.

They called police. Killam died before he got to a hospital.

The police report said, "because of the presence of blood approximately four feet inside the show window, it is my opinion the expired jumped through the window."

The coroner, A. H. Northup,

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said his report showed there was only one cut on Killam's body: "A long, three-inch deep laceration over the lower left side of the neck. Apparently sustained deep laceration in throat when he fell through plate glass window."

The solicitor, Carl Harper, said he took a statement from Earl Killam this morning and would investigate immediately. He said he planned to talk to District Attorney James Garrison of New Orleans.

CONSTANT QUESTIONING

Harper would not discuss the statement or what his investigation would involve except a rereading of all of the reports and a talk with the investigating officers.

Earl Killam said his brother was living with his wife Wanda in Dallas when President Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963.

"Agents" and "plotters" began questioning Thomas Killam about the assassination, Earl Killam said, and Thomas finally moved to Pensacola to live with his mother.

Thomas Killam said the agents traced him to Pensacola, according to his brother, and continued the constant questioning, forcing him to move to Tampa for three months.

The agents followed him, the brother said, and Thomas Killam finally moved back to Pensacola two days before he died.

The brother said Thomas Killam never described the "agents" or "plotters" specifically enough to determine whether he was referring to federal agents, or police, or to someone else.

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